

#### YESTERDAY'S NOON DISPATCH

**Great Excitement in Knoxville  
Longstreet Reported Moving on to  
Place.  
Preparations Being Made to Defeat  
the Rebels.**

Wilmington Reported Capture  
of Mosby's Men Surprise a Detach-  
ment of Sheridan's Men.  
The Spanish-Dominican War  
Late News from the Rotten...

**The Rebel Army Around Petersburg  
About 30,000.**

the Kentucky House of Representatives.

News from Latest Southern Paper  
Union Raid near Tarboro, N.  
Further Regarding Gen. Sherman

**Movements.**  
**Proceedings of the U. S. Congress.**  
 (Special to the Louisville Democrat.)  
 NASHVILLE, TENN., Feb. 23—4 P. M.  
 A gentleman who has just arrived from  
 Knoxville reports intense excitement at the  
 races, owing to a report that Longstreet

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
WASHINGTON, February 24, 9:45 A. M.  
Gen. Dix, New York:  
Dispatches just received announce that  
the British are in possession of our troops

(Signed) E. M. STANTON  
New York, Feb. 24

According to the Herald's correspondent the surprise of the detachment of Sheridan's cavalry, by a party of Mosley's guerrillas, at the Gap, on Sunday last, proves not to have been so disastrous to the former as was first supposed.

Forty of the ninety men at the time were captured, having deluded the rebels by success in effecting their retreat.

The Herald's Turk's Island correspondent found a few additional items of interest regarding the Spanish-Dominican war. The decision of the Government of Spain to withdraw all its troops from St. Domingo was not known in the island.

Owing to the failure to receive reinforcements, the Spaniards, in the town of Samaná, had been obliged to evacuate that place, and establish themselves on the Island of Luperón, in the bay.

The Herald's Army of the Potomac correspondent of the 23d says, last night two hundred men left for their homes from one of Hoke's division of Longstreet's corps, the only large body of troops which has been sent south from Lee's army. They estimate that the strength of the rebel army around Washington at that time would be about 100,000 men.

The news of Sherman's access in South Carolina became generally known through the rebel army to day, and caused a feeling of universal depression to prevail there. The natives make no secret of their intention to desert, and Lee placed a heavy guard in the night to prevent them from going back to the States.

They confirm the statement made a few days since that the siege guns have been removed from Petersburg and carried to assist in the present attack.

Two more deserters have just been brought in. They belong to Mahone's division, and have brought their arms along. Major Brown, provost Marshal of the Third division, has taken them nearly the whole night receiving their arms and forwarding them to Corps Provost marshals.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2:

Governor Vance, of North Carolina, has issued a proclamation, in which he declares that the struggle for Southern freedom shall never be given up. He prayerfully entreats the people to rise and avenge the disasters the South has suffered, caused by the soldiers being absent without leave. The Richmond Whig says it does not know where or when Beauregard will give Sherman a battle. But if the latter continues to march toward

The Examiner argues that Richmond  
more sale now than in May last when Grant  
was moving and there was so much panic.  
It says it is true they have not as many  
troops now, but neither has Grant by a great  
deal.

The Sentinel of the 21st learns that Gen.  
Sedley has successfully encountered the

The Kentucky House of Representatives yesterday rejected the amendment to the Federal Constitution by 28 me majority.

Advices from Columbus represent racing very active. Companies are reported better than they can be mustered in.

Life expected it will put more regiment into the field than was authorized by the

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2

The Navy Department has received the following:

*United States Flag ship Maiborn, Cape Fear, February 22, via Fortress Monroe, January 24, 9 o'clock A. M.—Hon. Gideon Welles, Secretary Navy: I have the honor to inform you that Wilmington is in possession of our troops.*

[Signed] DAVID D. PORTER,  
Rear Admiral

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.

The Richmond Examiner of the 21st has by telegraph a confirmation of report we gave yesterday of a cavalry raid in the direction of Tarboro, North Carolina; a renewal of a movement of the enemy along south side of the Neuse river.

We know that official intelligence has received here giving a much more magnanimous account of the later movement than the popular report of it, and it is supposed Fox

There is no doubt the leading of the troops from Newbern and reinforcement of Territorial troops at Wilmington are both intended to aid our operations with Sherman.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2

The House passed the Senate joint resolution, directing inquiry into the present condition of the Indian territories, and especially

The river has fallen four inches. We clear. Thermometer 83.

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